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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant respectfully submits the following information disclosure statement.

The undersigned certifies that each of the following references was contained in a communication from a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the of the European Search Report is enclosed for reference.

The disclosed references are:

PCT Application Publication No. WO 94/16345, dated July 21, 1994.

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## Information Disclosure Statement, Application No. 09/990,716

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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